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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- ☒ 1 PTO-1449 [1.97(b)] - (within 3 mo. or prior to 1st OA)
☐ 2 Statement [1.97(c)] - (before final OA or before Allowance)
☐ 3 Fee Payment [1.97(c)] - (before final OA or allowance)
☐ 4 Petition, Statement & Petition Fee Payment [1.97(d)] (before issue fee payment)

The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ 5 A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ 6 37 CFR §1.97(b) (within three (3) months of the application filing date or before a first Office Action on the merits).
☐ 7 37 CFR §1.97(c) (before Final Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever is earlier); and
☐ 8 The required statement made in Item 11 below, or
☐ 9 The \$.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this

Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in Item 14 below.

☐ 10 37 CFR §1.97(d) (before payment of issue fee); and

- a) This is a petition for consideration of the subject Information Disclosure Statement. The petition fee (\$.00) required by 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1) is authorized in Item 14 below.
- b) The required statement made in item 11 below.

☐ 11 Statement:

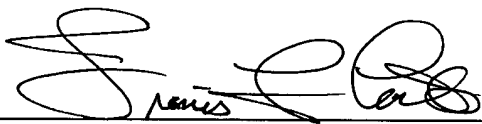
☐ 12 Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

☐ 13 No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

☐ 14 Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 07-0865.

Respectfully submitted,

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